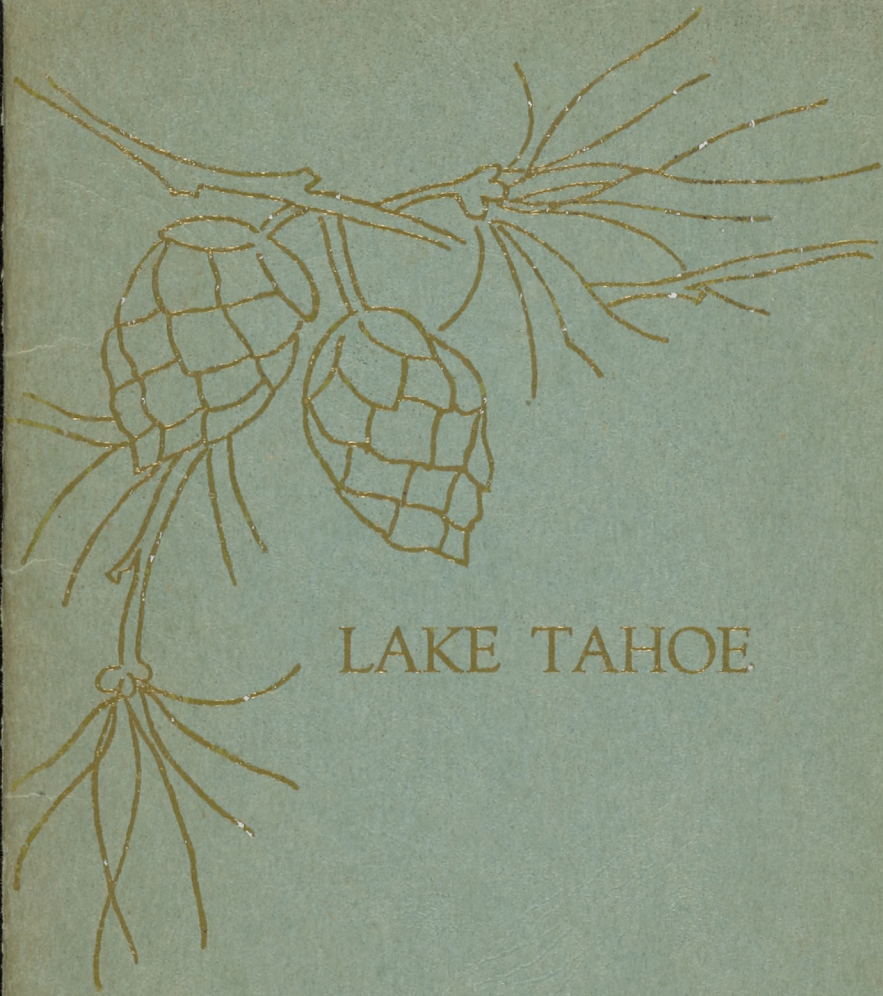


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LAKE TAHOE

LAKE TAHOE is one of the largest bodies of water at the altitude in the world. The Lake is 23 miles long and 13 miles wide and 1800 feet deep. The elevation is 6224 feet above sea level. It is crystal-clear, fresh water fed by mountain steams.

Tahoe is an Indian word, meaning, "Big Water, Deep Water." The outlet of the lake is on the north-west side, where gates control the out-flowing water. This is the head water of the Truckee River which flows down through Truckee, California and Reno, Nevada, and empties into Pyramid Lake, some 45 miles East of Reno. The Truckee River is the only outlet of Tahoe and Pyramid Lake has no outlet.

Tahoe is far famed for its wonderful coloring. Blue, green, purple, and way out on the Lake, midnight blue, the coloring always changing. On a cloudy day it is a silver lake and in the early evening it is sometimes a gold lake. The sunsets are magnificent. It just seems like the sun had gathered up all the colors from the flowers as it traveled from the East to the West and then, just as it sank beyond the mountains took time to throw back all this color, with the result that the sunset is indescribable.

There is an automobile road all around the Lake. The distance is 82 miles.


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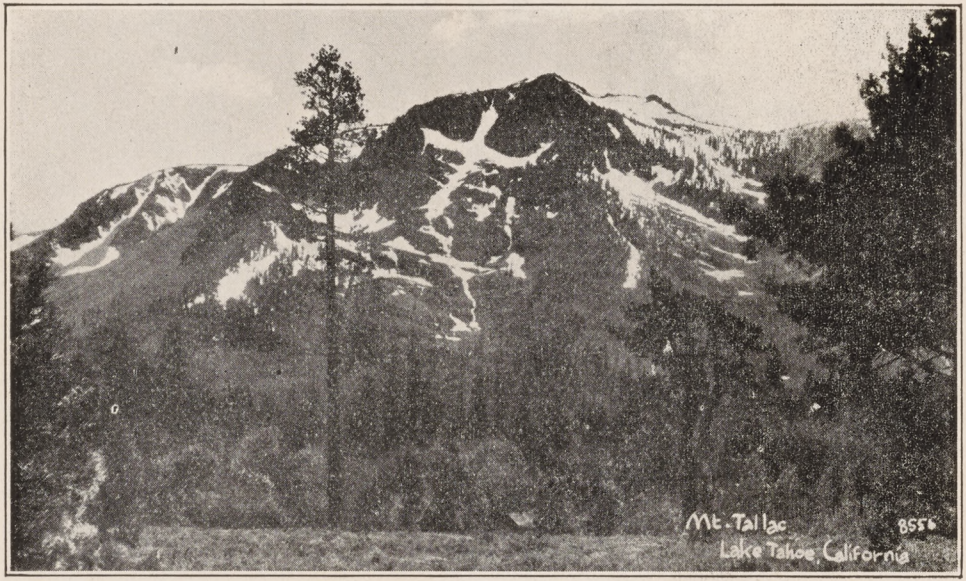
EMERALD BAY is situated on the South-west shore of Lake Tahoe and is three and one-half miles long and one-half mile wide. The water picks up the greens from the wooded slopes that surround the Bay and is very correctly named.

There is a rock island in the center of the Bay named Fannette Island but the name most known is Dead Man's Island, so-called for old Sailor Dick. He was one of the old fishermen on the lake and he loved it here so well he wanted when he passed on to be buried on the Island. He chiseled a grave out of the solid rock and told friends what it was for. In the need of a new cooking stove, he decided one day to row to Glenbrook, which is across the Lake and to the East. He made the trip over, got the stove and started back. A storm came up and the Lake was very rough and his friends advised him to remain at Glenbrook, but he was anxious to get home. He started out, but his boat filled with water, upset and poor old Sailor Dick was drowned. So he was never buried on Fannette Island and always after that has been known as Dead Man's Island.


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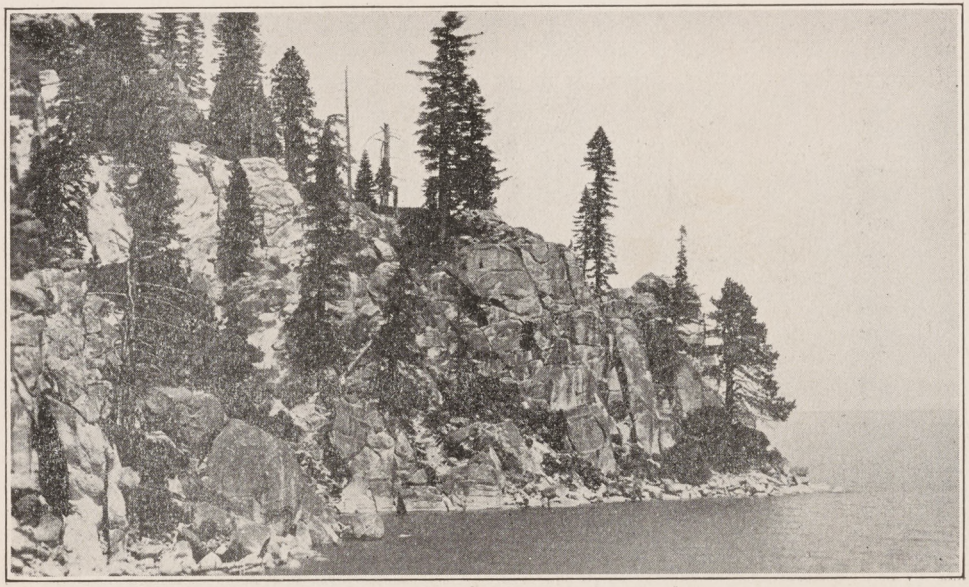
CASCADE LAKE is some 100 feet higher than Tahoe and is fed by a double water fall at the Westerly end, called White Cloud Falls. The outlet flows into Tahoe. Cascade Lake can be seen from the highway as you drive along the road which at this point is called the hog back. You can look down on one side and see this Cascade Lake, on the other side you see Emerald Bay and out in front of you is all wonderful Lake Tahoe. It is a perfectly beautiful sight, as in the back ground you see snow covered Mt. Tallac, towering above you from the water's edge.


Mt. Tallac
Lake Tahoe, California
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MOUNT TALLAC

MT. TALLAC has an elevation of 9800 feet above sea level. Tallac is an Indian word, meaning "High Mountain." On the Eastern slope of the mountain are deep canyons which, in the winter, fill with snow and in the Spring when all the rest of the snow has melted away, it is a wonderful sight to see this huge glacier-like cross. After a heavy winter the cross will remain until snow falls again, but after a light winter, even that snow will melt.

It is a fine trip to the summit of Mt. Tallac. One can travel a road from the main highway up part way around Fallen Leaf Lake, then two miles further to Glen Alpine and from there a trail of 4 miles to the summit. On this trip you can see many lakes. Fallen Leaf, Lilly, Gilmore, Cascade, Tahoe, Floating Island and many others. There are perhaps fifty lakes in the Tahoe territory.



RUBICON POINT

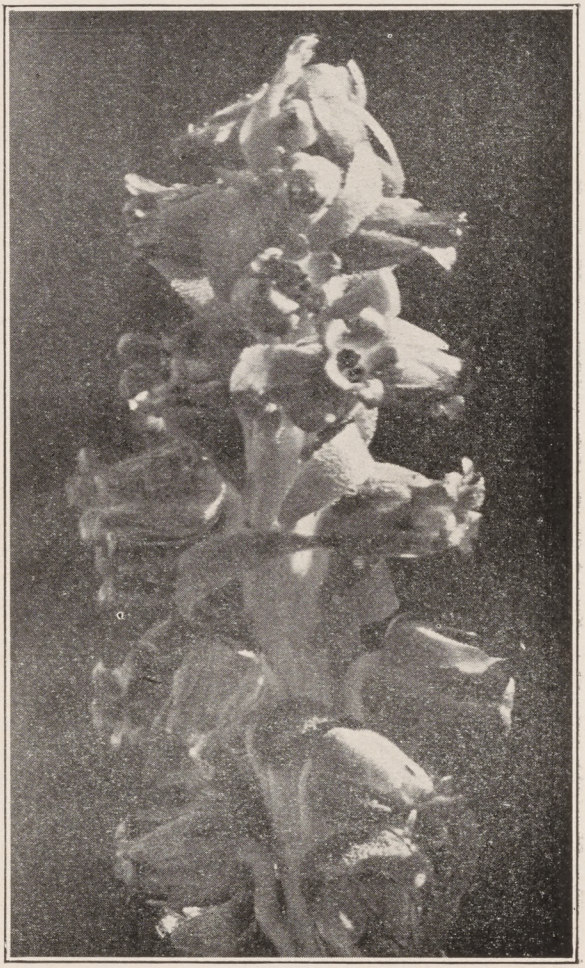
RUBICON POINT is a well known, interesting Point on Tahoe. It is an extension of the Rubicon Range and is the second point North-east of Emerald Bay. Here the cliffs drop suddenly straight down hundreds of feet. The water is the deepest blue. The Steamer Tahoe, which makes a trip around the Lake daily, of 72 miles, passes so closely to these cliffs, passengers feel they can reach out and touch the rocks. This is a great fishing spot and almost any day in the season you can see small boats off the point, trolling for trout.


WASHOE INDIAN
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THE INDIANS

THERE are about 600 Washoe Indians. Quite a few of them come to Tahoe in the summer. The older women weave wounderful baskets, using willow and fern root. They make three stitches. Honey comb, one stitch, and the water tight. These baskets are all very firm but the water tight especially so and these latter ones will actually hold water and are the most expensive ones the Indians make. Indian basketry is fast becoming a lost art as the women cannot get enough for them to make a living and so the younger ones are not learning the work at all. They work in private homes, laundries and in the many hotels at the Lake. In the winter they leave the Lake and live mostly in Carson Valley in the vicinity of Gardnerville, Nevada. Some live near Topaz Lake in California and same at Loyalton and a few at Reno, Nevada and Washoe Valley.

Just South of Carson City, Nevada is a wonderful school for Indian children. There are 510 pupils in the school and 40 of these are Washoes. The rest are Piutes and a few Diggers. The school is "The Stewart Indian School." The men of the tribe work on highways and at the hotels in the summer and on the ranches in the winter.



WILD FLOWERS

THERE ARE some 1400 species of wild flowers in the Tahoe section. First in the Spring is the little Alpine Phlox, which has a pinkish white flower and grows close to the ground. Then comes the tiny yellow violets and then the queer snow plant. These plants appear early, while the moisture from the melting snow is still in the ground and are a vivid red. They have no odor and no foliage and look quite like a Hyacinth. The Indians are very superstitious about them. They say they are the red blood of their dead warriors coming to life once each year, and they will never touch them. The Indians also say if they see two snowplants growing on the right, they will see three on the left.

The heart-shaped Balsam, with a leaf heart shaped and flower very much like wild sunflowers are very hardy and are lovely growing by the side of the purple Lupin. There are Indian Paint Brush, Larkspur, Washington Lillies, White Daisies, Blue Gentians, Yellow Snapdragons, Queen Ann's Lace and Mariposa Lillies. One interesting thing about the wild flowers in the mountains: They bloom on the lower levels and as the snow melts higher up, you can follow the snow line and have the Spring wild flowers as late as August.


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FALLEN LEAF AND LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

FALLEN LEAF LAKE

FALLEN LEAF Lake lies about a mile back from Tahoe at the foot of Mt. Tallac, at an elevation of 6304 feet above sea level. The Lake is named after an old Indian, Chief Fallen Leaf. It is 3 miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. It is very beautiful, clear water and picks up the color from the surrounding mountains. The outlet is at the Eastern end and flows into Tahoe. The Lake is fed by many mountain streams. The fishing is very good and there are many small boats on Fallen Leaf Lake.


WINTER LAKE TAHOE

WHEN WINTER COMES

WINTER is one of the most beautiful seasons at Tahoe. The white snow by contrast seems to intensify the natural coloring. Trees are greener the sky is more blue, and the Lake itself is deeper in all its colorings.

The Lake does not freeze over. It only freezes around the edge where it is shallow. All of the back lakes freeze entirely over. Emerald Bay, some winters will freeze to the entrance. The temperature varies. Have known the mercury to drop to 30 degrees below zero.

Some days the Lake is very calm and then the reflections are marvelous.

The Steamer Nevada makes a trip three times a week in winter, with the mail, picking it up at Tahoe City, where it is brought in by stage from Truckee.

In normal winters a depth of seven feet of snow along the Lake shore is common.

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CAVE ROCK

ON the Eastern shore of Lake Tahoe, on the Nevada side, is a gigantic rock which towers above the Lake some 500 feet. About 150 up from the water a cave runs back in the rock about 60 feet and so the rock is known as Cave Rock. The approach to the cave is a high open dome and from here is one of the most magnificent panoromas to be had of the Lake, and where one really gets an idea of the immensity and splendor of Tahoe.

There is a perfectly huge profile on the Rock above the water and below the cave, called "The Lady of the Lake." This profile is very clear and does not take any imagination to see and can be seen both from a boat and from the highway.